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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment and response filed November 16, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10, 15 and 16.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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9. ☐ Other _____

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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended): Method for treating diarrhoea in mammals ~~or for preventing diarrhoea in young mammals normally subject to diarrhoea~~ which comprises administering to the mammals an effective daily amount of a composition comprising, as active component, phytosterols and/or pentacyclotriterpenes as present in or derived from Shea oil.
2. (previously presented): Method according to Claim 1 wherein the mammals are weaning piglets or weaning babies.
3. (previously presented): Method according to Claim 1 wherein the phytosterols and/or pentacyclotriterpenes have a composition corresponding with the shea sterols or shea pentacyclotriterpenes as present in shea olein.
4. (original): Method according to Claim 3 wherein the shea sterols or pentacyclotriterpenes comprise more than 50 wt % of 4,4-dimethylsterols or 4,4-dimethyl pentacyclotriterpenes selected from the group consisting of alpha-amyrin, beta-amyrin, butyrospermol and lupeol.
5. (previously presented): Method according to Claim 1 wherein the phytosterols are hydroxysterols.
6. (original): Method according to Claim 1 wherein the effective amount is 0.005 to 5 grams/kg body weight of mammal per day.
7. (original): Method according to Claim 1 wherein the active phytosterols and/or pentacyclotriterpenes are administered as part of the food or feed for the mammal.
8. (original): Method according to Claim 7 wherein the food or the feed contains 0.001 to 85 wt% of the active component.